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CHICAGO, IL – November 21, 2013 – Public Act 98-115 was signed by Governor Quinn on July 27, 2013. Among the Amendments in the Act was a provision that would transfer election-related duties from the Lake County Clerk's Office to a Board of Election Commissioners to be established in Lake County.

A lawsuit was filed challenging the legality of that portion of Public Act 98-115 creating a Lake County Board of Election Commissioners. An Order issued on November 7, 2013, declared the establishment of a Lake County Board of Election Commissioners to be unconstitutional.

The State Board of Elections is advising Candidates who had anticipated filing nominating petitions for the March 18, 2014, General Primary Election with the Lake County Board of Election Commissioners to contact and/or look to the website of the Lake County Clerk's office

<http://countyclerk.lakecountylil.gov/ElectionInfo/Candidate-Services/Pages/Candidate-Power.aspx>

The State Board of Elections is an independent state agency charged with the responsibility of having general supervision over the administration of the election laws of the State.

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